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AVENGERS ASSEMBLE

PART 5

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AVENGERS FOREVER



MARVEL REMEMBERS



CARLOS PACHECO 1961-2022

"My friend Carlos Pacheco was a sweetheart of a guy who loved comics, the Marvel comics that he read as a child most of all. He brought an enthusiasm to his work that went beyond the drive of the professional — he was truly invested in the characters and their fictitious lives. His work combined the dynamics of John Byrne with the realism of Neal Adams, creating a synthesis that captured the essence of American super hero comics — a form that was exotic to Carlos as he first read the translated stories but which he absorbed and came to embody like a native. A citizen of Spain, the Marvel Universe was his true home."

— TOM BREVOORT

"Carlos was a dream collaborator who made every story better with his ideas, his brilliant storytelling and his beautiful art. But more, he was warmhearted, enthusiastic and a wonderful person. I was thrilled to work with him but happier still to have him as a friend. He will be enormously missed."

— KURT BUSIEK

And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when the mightiest Avengers of many Earths found themselves united against a common threat--to fight the foes no single universe could withstand!

AVENGERS FOREVER

The Multiversal Masters of Evil, a group comprised of the deadliest villains of their respective worlds, has been conquering countless universes. The mysterious Avenger Prime assembled an army of Avengers from across the Multiverse at Avengers Tower to oppose them.

The demon Mephisto also targeted history's earliest Avengers. The Avengers of Earth-616 traveled to the past to protect their prehistoric counterparts, and together, they are facing off against the Multiversal Masters. Doom Supreme of the Multiversal Masters has also gathered his own army of variants to usurp power. Meanwhile, the Avengers assembled by Avenger Prime are defending Avengers Tower from a horde of invading Mephisto variants. As the battle wages above, Ant-Man led some of his teammates belowground, where they discovered some powerful new allies--the Goddesses of Thunder and Old Man Phoenix!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE, Part Five "The War of Wars"

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CAST

MULTIVERSAL AVENGERS



OLD MAN PHOENIX



FRIGG



ELLISIV



ATLI



MOON KNIGHT



VISION



CAPTAIN CARTER



ANT-MAN



THOR, GOD OF FISTS



CAROL DANVERS



STEVE ROGERS



ROBBIE REYES



STEVE ROGERS



WEAPON AMERICA



STAR PANTHER



AVENGER PRIME

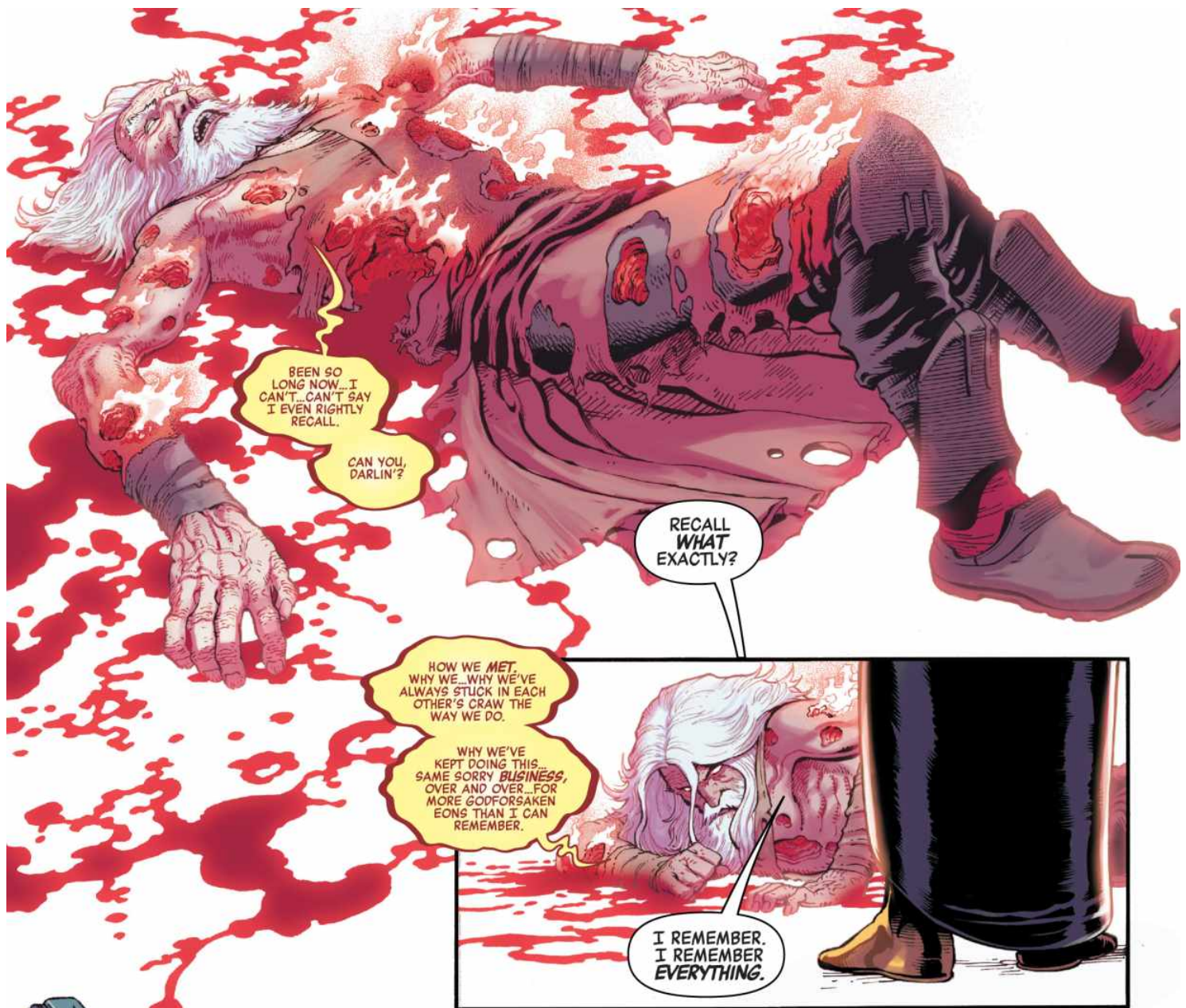
MULTIVERSAL MASTERS OF EVIL



MYSTIQUE
A.K.A. DARK PHOENIX



DOOM SUPREME



BEEN SO LONG NOW... I CAN'T... CAN'T SAY I EVEN RIGHTLY RECALL.

CAN YOU, DARLIN'?

RECALL **WHAT** EXACTLY?

HOW WE **MET**. WHY WE... WHY WE'VE ALWAYS STUCK IN EACH OTHER'S CRAW THE WAY WE DO.

WHY WE'VE KEPT DOING THIS. SAME SORRY **BUSINESS**, OVER AND OVER... FOR MORE GODFORSAKEN EONS THAN I CAN REMEMBER.

I REMEMBER. I REMEMBER **EVERYTHING**.



IT WAS **MEXICO, 1921**. WE WERE TIED TO POSTS, FACING A **FIRING SQUAD**.

AND I **HATE** YOU 'CAUSE WE'RE JUST **ALIKE**, LOGAN. YET SOMEHOW THE WORLD ALWAYS SERVES YOU **LEMONADE** WHILE I'M LEFT HOLDING THE **LEMONS**.

AND AS FOR WHY WE'VE KEPT DOING THIS SAME DANCE FOR SO LONG, WELL, DON'T YOU WORRY, LOVER, BECAUSE AFTER **THIS...**

...WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO KILL EACH OTHER AGAIN.



BEING SADDLED
WITH THE PHOENIX
FORCE AIN'T LIKE
SWIGGIN' NO LEMONADE.
MORE LIKE TURPENTINE
AND RAZOR BLADES.

BELIEVE ME,
RAVEN, YOU DON'T
WANT NO TASTE
OF WHAT I'M
SWILLING.

A TASTE?
OH, DARLING,
NO.

MOTHER'S
A BIT **THIRSTIER**
THAN THAT.

IN A PLACE BEYOND
THE FAR SHORE,
BEYOND THE CONFINES
OF SPACE AND TIME...

...A NEW PHOENIX
ROSE FROM THE
BLOOD OF THE OLD...

...AND TURNED
THE WHITE HOT
ROOM RED.



THEN MYSTIQUE SENT
LOGAN'S PARTS AND
PIECES FLYING IN
EVERY DIRECTION...

...LIKE A HAIL OF
BLOOD-SPEWING
COMETS.

THAT'S
WHERE I
CAME IN.

BE AN ASS
AND IT'LL STILL
BE SWIFT, JUST
A LOT MORE
PAINFUL!

GIVE US
WHAT WE SEEK,
DEFILER, AND THY
RUIN SHALL BE
SWIFT!



NOW BRING US
THE HEAD OF THE
PHOENIX!

SEE, THAT'S ME.
DOING MY BEST
TO LOOK AS TOUGH
AS MY SISTERS.

YOU
MEAN THIS OLD
THING?

COME AND
TAKE IT, IF YOU
DARE.

LITTLE GIRL
GODS.

IN TRUTH, I'D RATHER BE
READING A GOOD SCROLL.
BUT THERE HASN'T BEEN
MUCH TIME FOR THE FINER
COMFORTS SINCE
GRANDFATHER WENT AWAY.

BUT FIRST,
YOU SHALL KNOW
SUCH SUFFERING AS
ONLY THE FISTS OF THE
MANGOG MAY
DELIVER.

GODS, HE
WOULD'VE LOVED THIS.
KILLING MANGOGS
WAS ALWAYS ONE OF
GRANDFATHER THOR'S
FAVORITE PASTIMES.





WHERE WE COME FROM,
MY SISTERS AND I ARE
CALLED THE GODDESSES
OF THUNDER.

THE GRANDDAUGHTERS
OF OLD KING THOR.

THE LAST
ASGARDIANS.

LAST OF ALL
THE GODS.

WE'VE BEEN ON A QUEST TO GATHER
THE DISMEMBERED PIECES OF OLD
MAN PHOENIX. WITH GRANDFATHER'S
HAMMER AS OUR GUIDE.

IT'S PICKED UP
SOME COMPANY
ALONG THE WAY.



THE HAMMERS OF FALLEN
THORS. FROM ALL ACROSS
THE MULTIVERSE.

WITH EVERY
MJOLNIR
WE FIND, THE
FEAR INSIDE ME
METASTASIZES.

WHOEVER OUR
ENEMIES ARE,
THEY LAY WASTE
TO THOR AND
PHOENIX ALIKE.

WHO AM I, TO
THINK I BELONG

WE SHALL
SEE.

THE WAR
WILL SHOW ME.

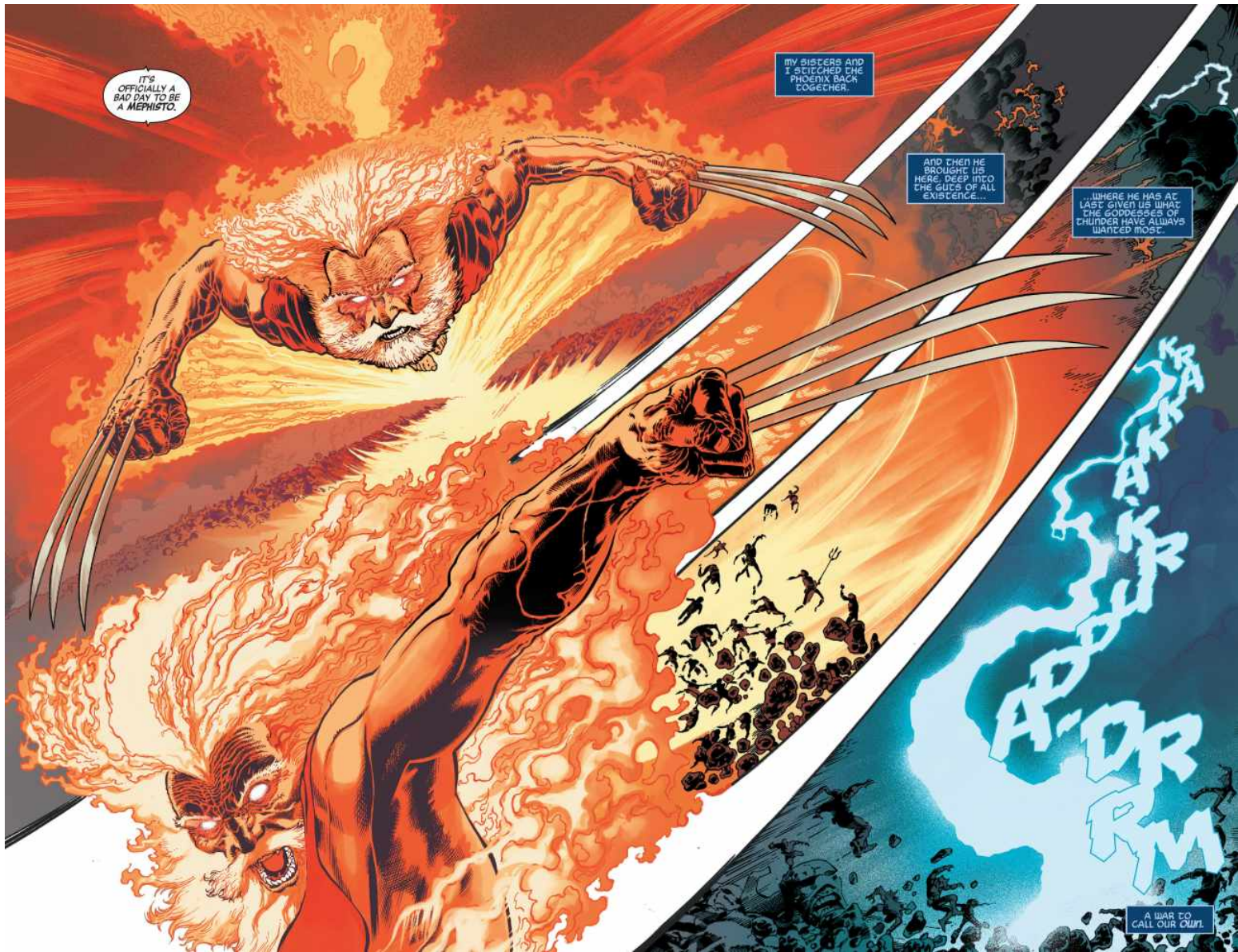
NOW.
THE GOD QUARRY.

THE WAR WILL
SHOW US ALL.

THIS IS
ANT-MAN TO
ALL AVENGERS.
PREPARE FOR
IMMEDIATE
INCOMING.

I REPEAT--PUT
YOUR HEADS DOWN
AND GET READY FOR THE
BIGGEST NAPALM
BLAST YOU'VE
EVER SEEN.

SOME NEW
FIGHTERS JUST
JOINED OUR
CAUSE.



IT'S OFFICIALLY A BAD DAY TO BE A MEPHISTO.

MY SISTERS AND I SUTCHED THE PHOENIX BACK TOGETHER.

AND THEN HE BROUGHT US HERE, DEEP INTO THE GULF OF ALL EXISTENCE.

...WHERE HE HAS AT LAST GIVEN US WHAT THE GODDESSES OF THUNDER HAVE ALWAYS WANTED MOST.

A WAR TO CALL OUR OWN.



MY SISTERS AND I
TAKE AFTER OUR
GRANDFATHER IN
DIFFERENT WAYS.

FRIGG IS THE OLDEST,
THE MOST COMMANDING,
WITH A VOICE THAT
OUT-THUNDERS ANY STORM.

A GOD WHO EVEN GODS
WILL FOLLOW. LATEST IN
A LONG LINE OF ASGARDIAN
KINGS AND ALL-MOTHERS.

ALLI IS THE YOUNGEST AND
WILDEST, THE FIERCEST
FIGHTER, A NATURAL-BORN
BERSERKER.

SHE DEVOURS EVERY
SECOND OF HER LIFE,
THE LAST TRUE LIVING
SPIRIT OF THE VIKINGS.

AND I AM *ELLISIV*,
INHERITOR OF MY
GRANDFATHER'S DEEPEST
OF PASSIONS...

...HIS ETERNAL
ADMIRATION FOR THE
PROFOUND BEAUTY OF
MORTAL LIFE, IN ALL
ITS FLEETING FORMS.

TOGETHER, THE
THREE OF US
STRIVE EVERY
DAY TO BE ALL
THAT HE WAS.

TO BE *WORTHY*
OF HIS MIGHTY
LEGACY.

THIS WE DO...
IN THE NAME
OF *THOR*.

BOMBS
AWAY.

IN THE NAME
OF ALL THE
THORS.



"A WAR TO CALL OUR OWN."

THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT WE ALWAYS WANTED.

MY SISTERS AND I WOULD SNEAK INTO GRANDFATHER'S LIBRARY AND PORE OVER THE OLD TOMES OF GREAT BATTLES GONE BY.

THE BEYONDER'S BATTLEWORLD, THE MREES/KRULL WAR, THE AVENGERS' CIVIL WAR, THE WAR OF THE REALMS.

WE WOULD DREAM OF ONE DAY BEING LUCKY ENOUGH TO LIVE IN A TIME OF SUCH EPIC CONFLICT.

NOW THAT I AM HERE, SURROUNDED BY BLOOD AND RUIN, I REALIZE... THOSE WERE THE DREAMS OF FOOLISH LITTLE GIRLS.

HA, ARE YOU... PRAYING?

PRAYING THAT THIS CUP MIGHT PASS FROM YOUR LIPS?

I AM THE BLOOD-KIN OF WAR-FATHER ODIN, OF THE ALMIGHTY THOR.

I'M PRAYING THAT ONCE I'VE DRUNK MY FILL OF MEPHISTO BLOOD...

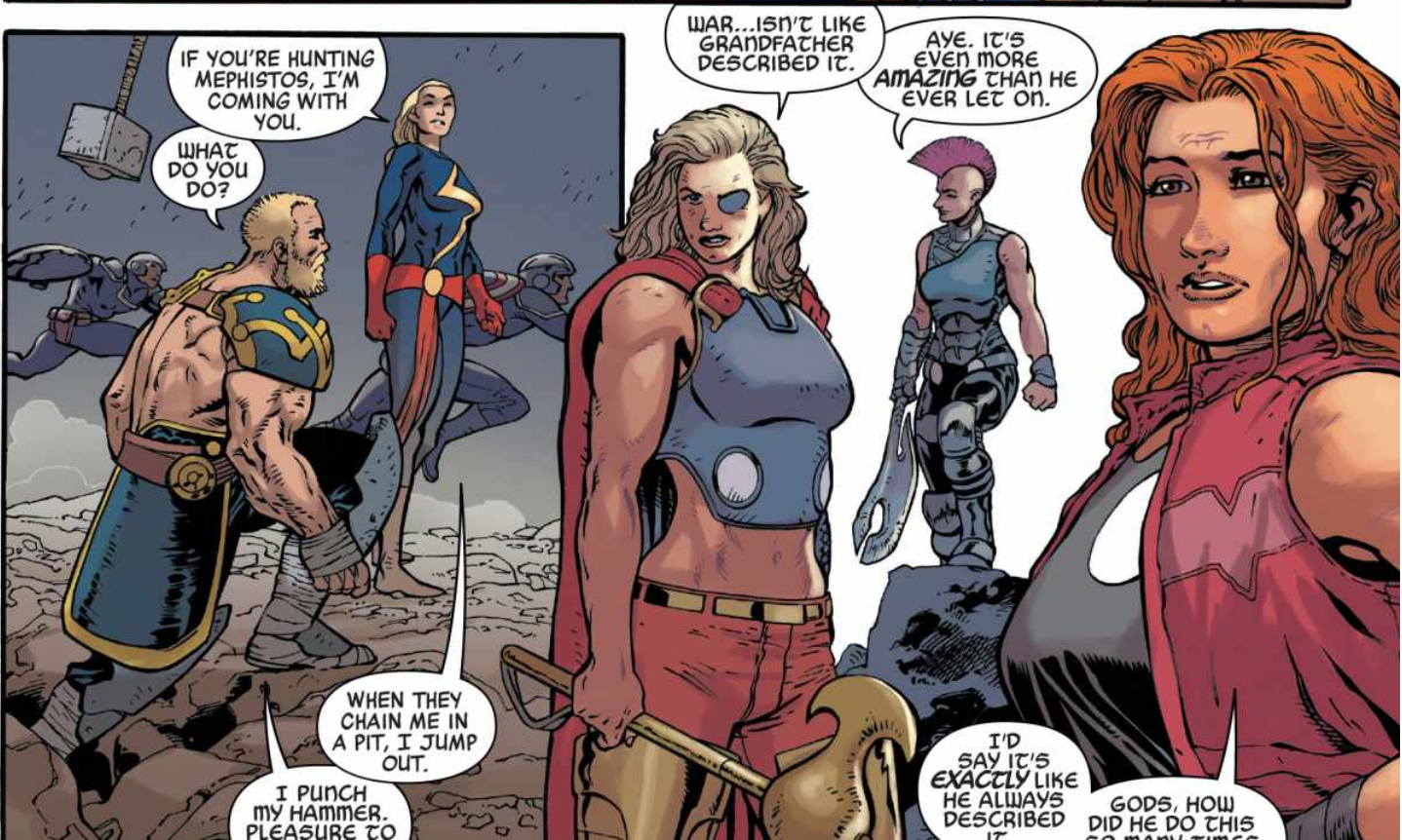
...I'LL BE ABLE TO PUT THE CUP DOWN.

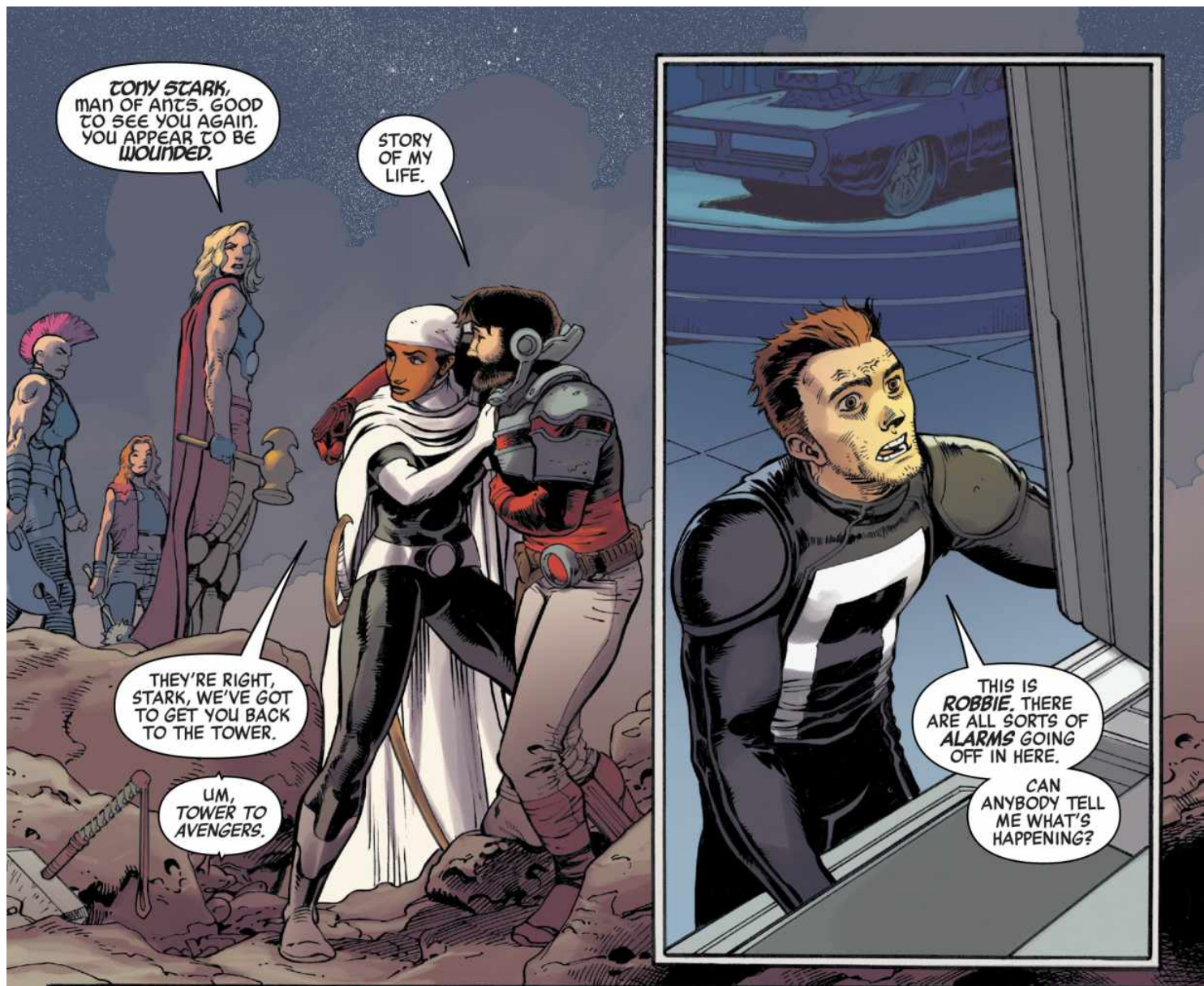
AFTER TODAY...

...AFTER THE BATTLE FOR MATHIEY TOWER...

...I WILL NEVER BE THAT GIRL AGAIN.









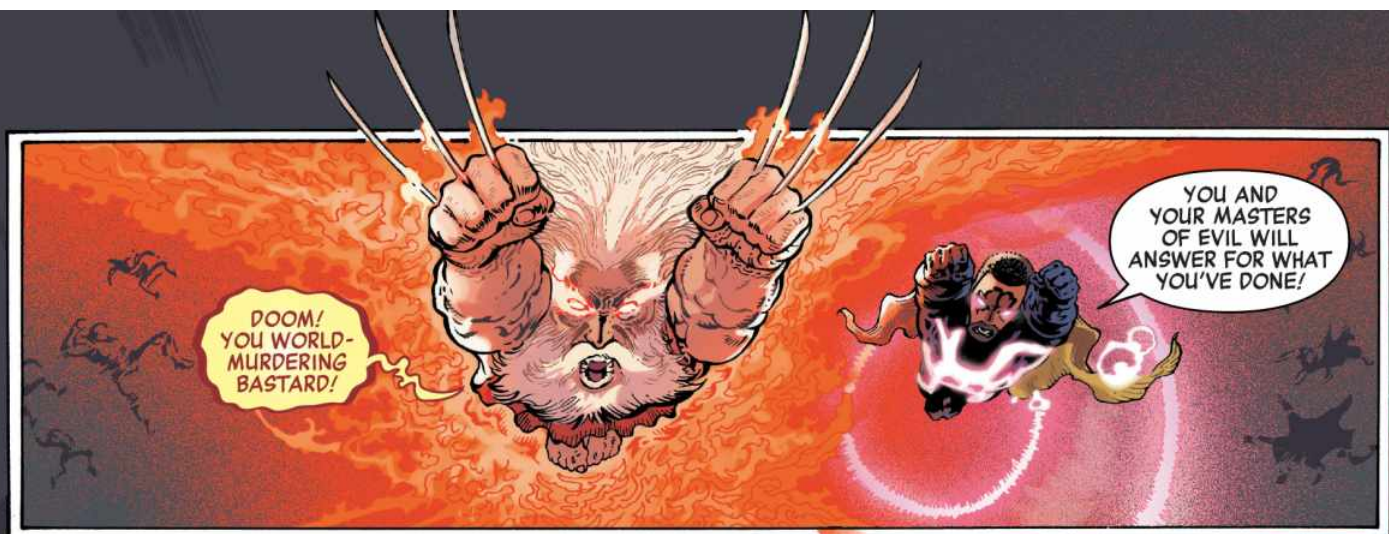


ALL
DOOMS,
ATTACK.

KEEP THE
AVENGERS AT BAY.
WHILE I CLAIM THE
RIGHTS TO ALL
EXISTENCE.



IN THE
NAME OF THE
DOOM
ABOVE ALL.



YOU AND YOUR MASTERS OF EVIL WILL ANSWER FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

DOOM! YOU WORLD-MURDERING BASTARD!



THE MEPHISTOS ARE ROUTED. KING KILLMONGER IS DEAD. THE DARK PHOENIX HAS FALLEN.*

THERE HAS ONLY EVER BEEN *ONE* TRUE MASTER.

*SEE AVENGERS #64.
--TOM



AND SOON, THERE SHALL BE NOTHING ELSE IN ALL THE HEAVENS.

NOTHING... BUT DOOM.



DOOM'S PUT UP A MAGICAL BARRIER WHILE HE CONDUCTS SOME SORT OF SPELL!

HE'S A SORCERER SUPREME! WE'LL NEED A WIZARD OF OUR OWN TO HELP BREAK THROUGH THIS!



WE'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT SOMETHING ELSE!

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF CAPS AND CAROLS AND THUNDERERS, BUT, AT THE MOMENT, WE'RE WOEFULLY SHORT ON *SORCERERS*!

PARDON MY TARDINESS. I WAS A BIT BUSY ALMOST *DYING* AT THE HANDS OF SOME MEPHISTOS.

AVENGER PRIME!

THIS IS AVENGER PRIME?

YES, INDEED, TONY STARK. FOR IN ALL THE MANY UNIVERSES, ONE THING IS ALWAYS CONSTANT. YOU CANNOT HAVE THE AVENGERS



...WITHOUT
A **LOKI** TO
BRING THEM
TOGETHER.

WAR *CHANGES* ALL
THOSE WHO FIGHT
IN IT. GRANDFATHER
TOLD ME THIS A
THOUSAND TIMES.

ONLY NOW DO
I SEE HOW
RIGHT HE WAS.

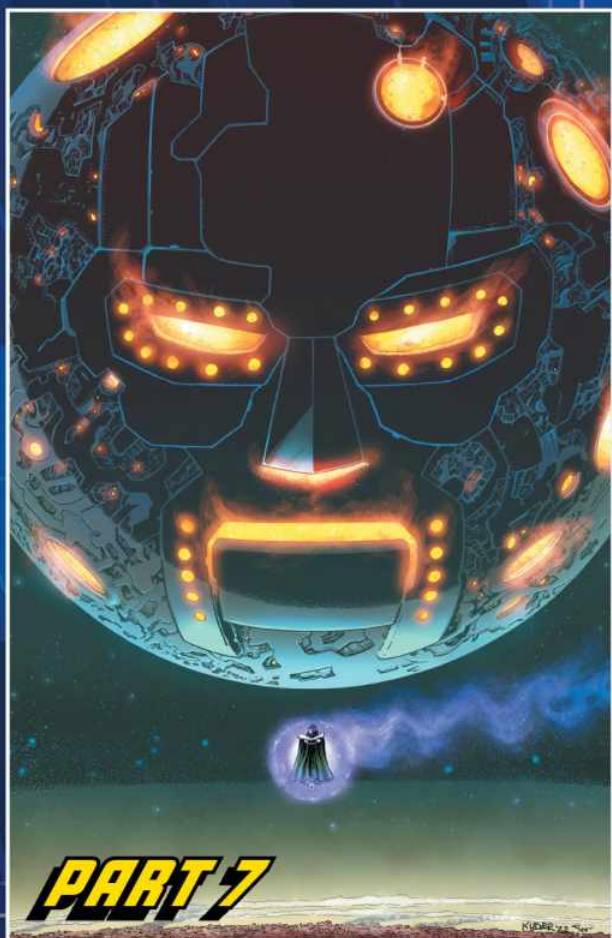
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AVENGERS #65

He is the most important Avenger in the Multiverse, who's spent years manning a watchtower at the heart of all creation, all by himself. Now his story can be told, as he suddenly finds himself no longer alone but instead surrounded by an unbelievable gathering of heroes.

AVENGERS FOREVER #14



The mightiest heroes of the Multiverse. The protectors of the prehistoric Earth. And the mainstay Avengers of the present-day Marvel Universe. At last, they all stand together, in one place, united against a common foe. What enemy could dare stand against the greatest force ever assembled? Here comes Doom the Living Planet with the answer.

